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SUBJECT: VISIT BY US OFFICIAL TO ROBBEN ISLAND

1. THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER. DR. GEORGE Y. ARRY, DIRECTOR, MARINE MAMMAL DIVISION, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, SEATTLE, WA., WAS INVITED BY SOVIET DELEGATION TO MARCH 1975 NORTH PACIFIC FUR SEAL COMMISSION MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH PROJECT ON ROBBEN ISLAND, USSR THIS SUMMER. DR. HARRY NOW IS PREPARING FOR HIS TRIP BUT HAS BEEN TOLD BY SOVIET EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, THAT HE NEEDS FORMAL INVITATION BEFORE VISA CAN BE ISSUED. PLEASE CONTACT AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM DR. V.V. KIDANOV, DEPUTY CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ROZHDESTVENSKY STREET 12, MOSCOW. DR. KIDANOV IS USSR FUR SEAL COMMISSIONER ALSO PRESENT AT MARCH MEETING AND IS FAMILIAR WITH THE ARRANGEMENT. IF NECESSARY TO REFRESH HIS MEMORY THE VISIT IS REFERRED TO IN THE REPORT OF THE STANDING SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR THE 1975 ANNUAL MEETING.

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2. HARRY PLANS DEPART HOKKAIDO, JAPAN JULY 9 ABOARD

VESSEL SEIKO MARU NO. 35 ARRIVING ROBBEN ISLAND JULY 10.
EXPECTS STAY ON ROBBEN ISLAND UNTIL JULY 17. BECAUSE
OF VAGARIES OF WEATHER IN THAT REGION PERMISSION SHOULD
BE GRANTED COVERING PERIOD JULY 5-AUGUST 12. PLEASE
ASK KIDANOV IF HE CAN FACILITATE ISSUANCE OF REQUIRED
VISA BY HIS GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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